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| 0-1 | International Application No. | PCT/EP 03 / 1 2 8 7 7 |
| 0-2 | International Filing Date | (1 8 . 1 1 . 0 3) 1 8 NOV 2003 |
| 0-3 | Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application" | EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION |
| 0-4 | Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request | |
| 0-4-1 | Prepared using | PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.07.2003) |
| 0-5 | Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty | |
| 0-6 | Receiving Office (specified by the applicant) | European Patent Office (EPO) (RO/EP) |
| 0-7 | Applicant's or agent's file reference | 020553 FE |
| I | Title of Invention | DISPERSION, COATING SLIP AND ABSORPTIVE MEDIUM |
| II | Applicant | |
| II-1 | This person is: | applicant only |
| II-2 | Applicant for | all designated States except US |
| II-4 | Name | DEGUSSA AG |
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| II-7 | State of residence | DE |
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| II-9 | Facsimile No. | 0 61 81 / 59-43 04 |
| III-1 | Applicant and/or inventor | |
| III-1-1 | This person is: | applicant and inventor |
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| III-1-5 | Address: | Riedstrasse 10a D-63454 Hanau Germany |
| III-1-6 | State of nationality | DE |
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| III-2-2 | Applicant for | US only |
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| III-2-5 | Address: | Wartbergstrasse 20/1 D-74076 Heilbronn Germany |
| III-2-6 | State of nationality | DE |
| III-2-7 | State of residence | DE |
| III-3 | Applicant and/or inventor | |
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| III-3-2 | Applicant for | US only |
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| III-3-6 | State of nationality | DE |
| III-3-7 | State of residence | DE |
| IV-1 | Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: | common representative |
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| IV-1-2 | Address: | Intellectual Property Management PATENTE und MARKEN Standort Hanau Postfach 13 45 D-63403 Hanau Germany |
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| IV-1-4 | Facsimile No. | 0 61 81 / 59-43 04 |
| V | Designation of States | |
| V-1 | Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned) | EP: AT BE BG CH&LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT |
| V-2 | National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned) | AE AG AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY BZ CA CH&LI CN CO CR CU CZ DE DK DM DZ EC EE EG ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ NI NO NZ OM PG PH PL PT RO RU SC SD SE SG SK SL SY TJ TM TN TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VC VN YU ZA ZM ZW |

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| V-5 | Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. | | |
| V-6 | Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations | NONE | |
| VI-1 | Priority claim of earlier national application | | |
| VI-1-1 | Filing date | 03 December 2002 (03.12.2002) | |
| VI-1-2 | Number | 102 56 267.9 | |
| VI-1-3 | Country | DE | |
| VII-1 | International Searching Authority Chosen | European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP) | |
| VIII | Declarations | Number of declarations | |
| VIII-1 | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | - | |
| VIII-2 | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent | 1 | |
| VIII-3 | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | - | |
| VIII-4 | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) | - | |
| VIII-5 | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty | - | |

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| VIII-2-1 (ii) | | DEGUSSA AG is entitled as employer of the inventor, BATZ-SOHN, Christoph |
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| IX | Check list | number of sheets | electronic file(s) attached |
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| IX-1 | Request (including declaration sheets) | 5 | - |
| IX-2 | Description | 20 | - |
| IX-3 | Claims | 3 | - |
| IX-4 | Abstract | 1 | EZABST00.TXT |
| IX-5 | Drawings | 2 | - |
| IX-7 | TOTAL | 31 | |
| | Accompanying items | paper document(s) attached | electronic file(s) attached |
| IX-8 | Fee calculation sheet | ✓ | - |
| IX-9 | Original separate power of attorney | ✓ | - |
| IX-11 | Copy of general power of attorney | reference no. AV 45711 | - |
| IX-13 | Priority document(s) | Item(s) VI-1 | - |
| IX-17 | PCT-EASY diskette | - | Diskette |
| IX-19 | Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract | - | |
| IX-20 | Language of filing of the international application | English | |
| X-1 | Signature of applicant, agent or common representative | | |
| X-1-1 | Name | DEGUSSA AG <i>Eugen Staab</i> | |
| X-1-2 | Name of signatory | i. V. Dr. Eugen Staab | |
| X-1-3 | Capacity | AV 45711 | |

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| 10-1 | Date of actual receipt of the purported international application | (18.11.03) | 18 NOV 2003 |
| 10-2 | Drawings: | | |
| 10-2-1 | Received | X | |
| 10-2-2 | Not received | | |
| 10-3 | Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application | | |
| 10-4 | Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2) | | |
| 10-5 | International Searching Authority | ISA/EP | |
| 10-6 | Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid | | |

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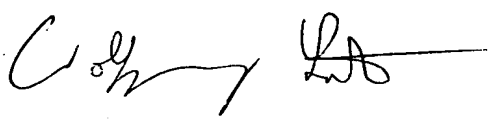
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| VIII-4-1 | <p>Declaration: Inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:</p> | <p>I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.</p> <p>This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/EP03/12877 (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter)</p> <p>I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.</p> <p>I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.</p> |
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| VIII-4-1 -1-2 | Residence: (city and either US State, if applicable, or country) | Hanau, Germany |
| VIII-4-1 -1-3 | Mailing address: | Riedstrasse 10a |
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